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SUBJ: GOR PASSPORT APPROVALS

1. GLIGA HAD ASKED ME TO SEE HIM MONDAY FOR LATEST DATA ON GOR PASSPORT APPROVALS BUT WE MET TODAY INSTEAD IN VIEW OF MY DEPARTURE. GLIGA SAID PASSPORT COMMISSION HAD GIVEN FOLLOWING APPROVALS IN PERIOD MAY 6-JUNE 4: (1) 317 APPROVALS FOR PERSONS EMIGRATING TO US (A RECORD HE RIGHTLY SAID), (2) 387 FOR INDIVIDUALS DESTINED FOR ISRAEL, AND (3) ABOUT 200 FOR APPLICANTS SEEKING TO EMIGRATE TO THIRD COUNTRIES (NOT INCLUDING FRG) MANY OF WHICH HE SAID WERE JEWISH.

2. REFERRING TO QUESTION AS TO WHY PASSPORT APPROVAL FIGURES HAVE NOT BEEN MANIFESTED IN INCREASE IN ACTUAL DEPARTURES, GLIGA INDICATED THERE ARE NOW 680 PROSPECTIVE EMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN PASSPORTS THIS YEAR BUT WHO HAVE NOT YET LEFT. GLIGA WENT ON TO CITE GOR STUDY THAT, IN PERIOD 1971-1975, 340 PERSONS GIVEN PASSPORTS ABANDONED THEIR INTENTION TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL. GOR ANALYSIS REFLECTED VARIOUS MOTIVES FOR THOSE WHO ELECTED EITHER TO REMAIN OR DEFER THEIR DEPARTURES: UNSTABLE SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST, ADVICE OF OVERSEAS CONTACTS, LACK OF RELATIVES ABROAD, POOR EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS, AND UNWILLINGNESS OF STUDENTS TO INTERRUPT EDUCATION FOR LIKELY ISRAELI MILITARY SERVICE.

3. IN THE CASE OF EMIGRANTS TO THE US, I SAID
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OUR ONLY MEASURE OF SITUATION WAS NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO

APPEAR AT EMBASSY AND REITERATED HOPE THAT WE WOULD SOON
SEE SIGNS OF THAT ENCOURAGINGLY LARGE NUMBER WHOSE
PASSPORTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED. CONSUL HAS SCHEDULED SESSION
AT MFA CONSULAR DIRECTORATE JUNE 9 AT WHICH GLIGA HAS TOLD
ME HE IS TO BE GIVEN LATEST GOR INFORMATION ON OUR MARCH
75 LIST. I HAVE ASKED CONSUL TO SEND AN IMMEDIATE REPORT
ON THE RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW.
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